



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton**

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

**Bruce County Council Chambers - 30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON**

**Council Present:** Chris Peabody, Mayor  
Kym Hutcheon, Deputy Mayor  
Mitch Clark, Councillor  
Tim Elphick, Councillor  
B. Carl Kuhnke, Councillor  
Gregory J. McLean, Councillor  
Steve Travale, Councillor

**Staff Present:** Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)  
Cally Mann, Municipal Executive Coordinator  
Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO  
Carri-Ann Scott, Manager, Child Care Services

### **1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Mayor Peabody shared information about a joint Council meeting between the two bands of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation as part of Bruce County's reconciliation efforts, noting that both bands were concerned with Bill 5 and its impact on treaty rights. Mayor Peabody noted the importance of Brockton also expressing concerns with legislation that would erode the duty to consult with Indigenous groups.

### **2. Acceptance of Council Agenda**

#### **Resolution 25-13-01**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on June 10, 2025 as presented.

**Carried**

### **3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

### **4. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act**

### **5. Delegations**

#### **5.1 Walkerton Official Plan and Brockton Zoning By-Law Review Background Report Presentation**

David Welwood, Senior Planner and Project Manager, and Alison Bucking, Project Planner with J.L. Richards and Associates Limited presented the Background Report, including the project scope, key findings, and the next steps. Mr. Welwood reviewed the current Walkerton Community Official Plan (OP), and Brockton Zoning By-Law, noting that this review ensures the Plans are consistent

with Provincial legislation and the Bruce County Official Plan, as well as addressing local interests and issues. Mr. Welwood reviewed the project timeline, including the upcoming Public Information Session, noting that changes would be drafted to the OP and Zoning By-Law following the public engagement sessions.

Mr. Welwood described the public engagement that had occurred so far, as well as the upcoming Public Information Session planned for June 18, 2025, and Public Open House in September, followed by a Public Meeting in December including consultation with Bruce County.

Mr. Welwood reviewed the survey results, noting that the public valued the small-town feel of Walkerton, and assets including heritage and natural features. The zoning survey identified the need for a range of housing types, such as seniors housing, additional residential units, townhouses and apartments.

Mr. Welwood summarized the key themes in the background review. Mr. Welwood reviewed the projected growth for Walkerton, including a population of approximately 13,200 by 2046, requiring sufficient land and mix of uses to accommodate these projected growth needs. J.L. Richards was also working on a Community Improvement Plan update and a Housing Needs Study to address Walkerton's housing needs. Mr. Welwood noted that the Municipality had been approved in principle for two new areas within Walkerton's settlement area boundaries.

Mr. Welwood discussed the housing requirements required by the Province, as well as the preliminary recommendations for policies to meet Provincial targets, residential density categories, infill and intensification, redesignate employment lands rezoned as residential through the Ministerial Zoning Order.

Ms. Bucking reviewed the employment and commercial areas in Brockton, including the projected jobs of approximately 6,090 by 2046, noting the projected surplus of employment land and need for more commercial land. Ms. Bucking reviewed the preliminary recommendations including redesignating lands in the East Ridge Business Park to alleviate confusion, improving the direction for land use compatibility considerations, including a policy that a certain portion of land in new settlement areas be commercial and institutional, adding more flexibility for site plan design, and streamline and consolidate zones.

Ms. Bucking reviewed the parks and open space requirements, including a recommendation to update parkland dedication policies and include pedestrian connections to recognize the importance of connectivity for residents.

Ms. Bucking reviewed the rural and agricultural areas, including recommendations to include provisions for on-farm diversified uses, updated definitions for agriculture and agricultural-related uses, updated lot size provisions, updated MDS requirements, and inclusion of provisions for temporary farm worker accommodations.

Ms. Bucking reviewed the next steps including the Public Engagement Sessions planned for June 18, 2025, and September 2025, as well as available opportunities for public comments.

Council noted the limited survey feedback received and encouraged increased public participation at the Public Information Session.

Mayor Peabody discussed the settlement areas, questioning if there was a potential for boundary expansions in hamlet areas. Mr. Welwood noted that the Zoning By-Law must comply with the County OP; however economic

development opportunities could be reviewed in conformity, although boundary expansions would need to be approved by Bruce County.

## **6. Minutes**

### **6.1 Council Minutes - May 27, 2025**

#### **Resolution 25-13-02**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the May 27, 2025 Council Meeting as presented.

**Carried**

## **7. Business Arising From the Minutes**

### **7.1 Notice of Motion - Automatic Speed Enforcement Machines**

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1 Memorial Donation**

Council discussed the options available based on the updated feedback from the Principal at Walkerton District Community School.

Council debated whether to pursue a donation in the form of tree planting, or a monetary donation towards the garden project. Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer responded to an inquiry noting the amount available within the budget for a donation.

Council noted the importance of having an area for remembrance and reflection given the profound loss for the community and WDCCS.

#### **Resolution 25-13-03**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2025-07 – Memorial Donation, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in so doing authorizes Option 2 in the amount of \$1,500.

**Carried**

### **8.2 Organizational Review Status Report**

Council commended staff on the status report and inquired about future plans for development and expansion. Council inquired about the ability to achieve targets with growth capacity, noting the importance of attracting and retaining staff and remaining competitive.

Carri-Ann Scott, Manager, Child Care Services advised that childcare retention and recruitment was a challenge across Canada; however, staff were looking at strategies to draw out the best talent. Ms. Scott noted that Brockton had a high contingency of certified educators, and that connections had been made at colleges and universities for student training opportunities.

Council discussed the increases and modifications for parent fees, and limitations associated with the CWELCC program.

## **Resolution 25-13-04**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number BCCC2025-03 - Organizational Review Status Report, prepared by Carri-Ann Scott, Manager, Child Care Services, and in doing so looks forward to providing further bi-yearly updates as the actions in the review progress.

**Carried**

### **9. Public Notification**

#### **9.1 Volunteer Recognition Event**

A reminder that the Municipality of Brockton's Volunteer Recognition Event was scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre (290 Durham St. W.) to recognize the efforts of our Committee and Board members, and community volunteers! The Brockton Good Neighbour Award and Outstanding Youth Award would be presented at the event.

#### **9.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Recruitment**

The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for a vacancy on the [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#). Individuals that are interested in serving this vacancy on the Accessibility Advisory Committee must have a disability. Individuals interested in serving on the Committee can send a letter to the Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk), Fiona Hamilton by [email](#), in-person at the Municipal Office, or by mail. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Noon.

#### **9.3 Notice of Public Information Session - Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Review**

A Public Information Session will be held in-person on June 18, 2025 at the Walkerton Community Centre from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. to introduce the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Review project, present the preliminary findings of the background review and directions, and allow residents to ask questions about the project's next steps and provide input.

#### **9.4 Hamlet Community Logo Vote**

Brockton Council approved the development of sub-brands for Cargill, Chepstow, and Elmwood. Residents are asked to review the two proposed [Hamlet Community Logos](#) for each of these three communities and provide their input through our [anonymous online survey](#) or by [email](#) to our Community Development Coordinator. Feedback, along with any votes or comments, is due June 20, 2025.

#### **9.5 June 24, 2025 Council Meeting**

A reminder that the Council Meeting on June 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. will be held at the Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline, Cargill) rather than the Bruce County Council Chambers in Walkerton.

## **10. Accounts**

10.1 Accounts - \$741,393.57

### **Resolution 25-13-05**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$741,393.57.

**Carried**

## **11. Correspondence Requiring Action**

11.1 Bruce County - Invitation to First Annual Municipal Forum

Councillors Kuhnke, Elphick and Travale, and Mayor Peabody all expressed interest in attending the forum on July 10, 2025 in Port Elgin.

## **12. Information**

12.1 Public Meeting Notice - Zoning By-Law Amendment Z-2024-076

12.2 Consent Application Notice - B-2024-101

12.3 Bruce County Media Release - Share Your Ideas for Environmental Sustainability in Bruce County

12.4 Media Release - Celebrating Canadian Talent: The Canadian Musicians Co-operative Launches the Barns2Beaches Music Tour at Saugeen Municipal Airport

12.5 South Bruce Grey Health Centre - Invitation to Annual Meeting of the Corporation

12.6 Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling Board Minutes - March 26, 2025

12.7 Hanover Walkerton Waste Management Committee Special Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2025

12.8 City of Humboldt - Letter of Condolences

12.9 Municipality of Grey Highlands Resolution - Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs

12.10 District of Parry Sound Resolution Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education

12.11 City of Pickering Resolution - Raising Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program

12.12 Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Bill 5

12.13 County of Prince Edward Resolution - Bill 5

12.14 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Resolution - Provincial Funding Shortfall Human and Health Programs and Services

12.15 City of Windsor Resolution - Strong Mayor Powers

### **Resolution 25-13-06**

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives all items provided in Section 12. Information.

**Carried**

### **13. By-Laws**

#### **Resolution 25-13-07**

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton authorize that the following by-laws be read, enacted, signed, sealed, and numbered as follows:

- By-Law 2025-046 - Amend Fees and Charges By-Law (ERBP Signage)
- By-Law 2025-047 - Approve Amended 2025 Municipal Budget By-Law
- By-Law 2025-048 - Amend 2025 Tax Rates By-Law

**Carried**

### **14. Committee Minutes**

### **15. New Business Brought Forward**

#### **1. Lake Rosalind Property Owner's Association Parking Annual General Meeting**

Councillor Elphick advised that the Lake Rosalind Property Owner's Association hosted the Annual General Meeting and discussed their proposal to amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law.

Councillor Elphick asked for Council's support to waive the consultation period in Brockton's Amendments to Traffic and Parking By-Law Policy, to instead bring the proposed changes to the Traffic and Parking By-Law forward at the next Council Meeting.

#### **2. Firefighter Breakfasts**

Councillor Travale noted that the Elmwood Firefighters Association hosted their annual breakfast on June 7, 2025 with 600 people in attendance. The Walkerton Firefighters Association would be hosting their breakfast on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

#### **3. Provincial Child Care Update**

Mayor Peabody provided an update from Bruce County regarding childcare, noting that unfortunately, the Province had cancelled 72 new CWELCC spaces, and also cancelled subsidies for families not in the CWELCC program. Bruce County had contacted MPP's Paul Vickers and Lisa Thompson regarding the issue.

#### **4. Beautification Efforts**

Mayor Peabody thanked the Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Department for preparing the grounds and beautifying Walkerton's main street in time for the memorial service for WDCS students.

**16. Closed Session**

**Resolution 25-13-08**

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. in order to address matters pertaining to:

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - **East Ridge Business Park Concept Plan**
- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiation carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board - **Local Board Review**

**Carried**

**Resolution 25-13-09**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approve the direction provided to staff in Closed Session.

**Carried**

**17. Confirmation of Proceedings**

**Resolution 25-13-10**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton authorize that the following by-law be read, enacted, signed, sealed, and numbered as follows:

- By-Law 2025-049 - June 10, 2025 Confirmatory By-Law

**Carried**

**18. Adjournment**

**Resolution 25-13-11**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 8:52 p.m. to meet again on June 24, 2025 at the Cargill Community Centre.

**Carried**

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Mayor - Chris Peabody

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Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) – Fiona Hamilton